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FOR PIANO FUND

Public School Children To Give Entertainment at the Town Hall This Evening.

Tonight's entertainment at the town hall promises to be one of the best of the year. The scholars have worked diligently and under direction of the teachers and the program has been carefully prepared. The cause is one of general public interest, all the profits going to the piano fund. The program will be as follows:

Chorus, "Merry, Merry Bells of Christmas." ..... School
Chorus, "Shine Out O Blessed Star." .....School
Recitation ..... Karl Janson
Six Little Candles
Song, "Golden Christmas Bells."
"Ethel's Dream."
Recitation and Song.
Recitation .....Curtis Flint
Christmas Wishes
Chorus, "Christmas Bells." ....School

Intermission

Dialogue, "In Santa Claus Land."
Santa Claus ..... Marshall Wright
Trent (General Overseer) Victor Hill
Mrs. Trent ..... Dorothy Camp
Dr. Snufnuff ..... Don Baxter
Clip (Doctor's Servant) Jack Edwards
Ona (A Fairy) ..... Olive Letts
Chorus, A Christmas Song ....School

IMPROVING LOWER BALDWIN

There is at last a prospect of relief from the distressing condition of the city's approaches on the south. The county road gang has torn up that portion of Baldwin avenue in the strip recently disincorporated by Arcadia. Mr. Baldwin's men have cleared the weeds and brush from the portion of the road lying in the "shoe string" strip of Arcadia which bounds Sierra Madre on the south. It is supposed that this will be fixed up by Mr. Baldwin to conform to the rest of the road, which will do a lot toward making Sierra Madre willing to forget past grievances.

Misses Barker of Tynemouth, England, who have spent a fortnight at Hotel Sierra Madre have gone to La-Jolla and will later return to their home in England after a trip through Mexico. The Misses Barker have spent about eighteen months in a world tour, leisurely visiting Italy and other European countries, India, China and Japan. After spending some time in the northwestern part of this country they came to Southern California. Coming to Sierra Madre to spend a day and make the ascent of Mt. Wilson they became so enamored of the place that their stay was prolonged to two weeks. They were enthusiastic in their praises of Sierra Madre and its opportunities for enjoyment.

NEXT CLIMB IN APRIL

Second Police Gazette Medal Race to be Held Early in the Spring

The race that tops all the others in novelty and as a test of endurance, the Mt. Wilson climb, will be held in April, says Mr. C. J. Fox whose father offered the Police Gazette medal for the winner. The exact date has not been selected as yet but will be announced soon after New Years. The entry blankes will then be prepared and sent out and it is expected that some new talent may face the starter in an attempt to wrest the laurels from Joe King in the second race of the series.

The large number of marathon races recently run and now in prospect causes Mr. Fox to think the Mt. Wilson climb will be regarded by the sports as a welcome change. Consequently he expects a far greater show of interest than was aroused by the first race.

King, the winner of last year, made the climb in 1 hour, 25 minutes and 5 seconds, surmounting seven and one-tenth miles of rough trail, then rested half an hour and made the descent, the round trip being made in 2 hours 11 minutes and 35 seconds.

For this he was awarded the gold medal, and his name entered on the list for the gold medal to be given the man who wins three years in succession. This year, he will run under the colors of the Irish-American league of San Francisco.

Reinwald, who challenged King to the climb this year, is suffering from an attack of rheumatism in the knee, caused by a wrench received while practicing for the New Year's Marathon between Los Angeles and Long Beach. He has not stopped work and will attempt the climb this week in his practice work.

STORK ON MT. WILSON

Leaves Baby Girl with Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Ross of Mt. Wilson Hotel

The first baby born on the summit of Mt. Wilson was the infant girl weighing nine pounds which the stork left Monday afternoon at the cottage of Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Ross, managers of the Mt. Wilson hotel.

In preparation for the event, Dr. J. D. Condit of Pasadena, accompanied by a trained nurse, made the trip to the summit on mules by moonlight, leaving the foot of the trail at 1 o'clock Monday morning.

But one child has been born on the mountain previously, it being Miss Alta Steele, now Mrs. Lee Chaffee. She was born at Martin's camp, several hundred feet lower down the mountain.

A. S. Mead has rented the Stukey cottage to Mr. G. E. Clearman of New York. He also negotiated the transfer of the Hathaway furniture store to Mr. C. Olsen, who took charge of the business Monday.

MRS. BRITTON DEAD

Passes Away at Her Residence After An Extended Illness

Mrs. Frances M. Britton passed away Wednesday, December 16, after an illness of several weeks, at her residence at Hotel street and Grand View avenue.

Mrs. Britton was born in New Hampshire in 1833 and came of old colonial stock. Her maiden name was Brewster and she was a direct descendant of Elder William Brewster of the Mayflower pilgrims. Several of her ancestors fought in the revolutionary and colonial wars.

Mrs. Britton's only children were Mrs. H. J. Potter and Mrs. Caroline Collins of this city. She was greatly loved by a host of friends. Funeral services will be held at the residence Saturday morning at 10 o'clock.

MORE STREET WORK

At last week's meeting of the city trustees ordinances of intention to improve two more streets were adopted and are published in this week's News. The streets referred to are Grandin and Sunnyside. The ordinance dealing with Sunnyside provides for the bonding method of paying for the work, all other streets so far improved having been paid for on a cash basis. The improvement of Sunnyside from Live Oak avenue as far north as Grand View is of special importance in caring for storm water, the more so with the improvement of Grand View and Central. The ordinance calling the special election to vote on the gas plant bonds was read and referred to committee.

WORK FOR THE POUNDMASTER

Several residents of the northeast part of town have experienced the doubtful pleasure recently of awakening in the morning to find horse or mule tracks all over their yards and flowers, vegetables and shrubs tramped upon or devoured. Others have been awakened during the night and driven the wanering animals from their premises. One or two occurrances of the kind might be excused as accidental. But a repetition suggests carelessness which may not have been altogether unintentional on the part of the owner or keeper of the animals. In at least one case there were marks showing where the animal had dragged a long tie-rope. The city has an impounding ordinance and some of the suffering residents are just about on the point of calling for the aid of the poundmaster.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Ferger and children of Chattanooga, Tenn., were guests on Sunday at the home of Mrs. E. M. Tufts. The Fergers, who are spending the winter in Los Angeles and elsewhere in Southern California, were warm friends of Mrs. Tuft's daughter, Mrs. W. S. Bovard, who resided at Chattanooga until recently.

ABOUT DUNBAR

Negro Poet is Subject of Very Interesting Program Heard by Woman's Club.

On Monday afternoon at the Woman's club, Mrs. C. Q. Stanton, a dramatic reader of exceptional ability in portraying the negro character and negro dialect, gave a most delightful program, taking for her subject, Paul Lawrence Dunbar and his contributions to American literature. She said in part, "Doubtless the most spontaneous outburst of song known to the modern days is found in the plantation melodies of the American negro; but most of those of permanent record have come to us through the white man and his art, for while the negro has created a species of lyric verse, tradition has been his only means of keeping it. While the negro and his peculiar philosophy and unique dialect have been valuable literary aids to the white man, he has himself been far from the literary field, so that a few years ago, when we read in the papers sweet bits of poetry in both negro dialect and in pure English, by Paul Lawrence Dunbar, we were surprised to learn that he was a black man."

Mrs. Stanton recited most charmingly a number of Dunbar's more popular verses.

The next meeting of the Woman's club will be held at the Church of the Ascension, December 28, when the program will be in charge of Mr. Charles Hall Perry and will be "Christmas Music of All Nations." The Woman's club invites the Monday Musical club to be its guest on that occasion and at the close of the program tea will be served at the rectory.

CHRISTMAS SERVICES

Christmas Sunday services at the Congregational church will be appropriate to the occasion. Dr. Campbell's subject in the morning will be "What has the advent of Christ done for the world." The choir will furnish special music and Miss Pensy Newlin will sing a solo. In the evening a sermon will be preached to the young people on the theme, "Christmas as Jesus' birthday."

The Sunday School Christmas exercises will be held Christmas eve, December 24, at 7:30 p. m. A cantata entitled "The Story of the Snowbird" will be rendered by the children. The children have elected that instead of receiving gifts they will give gifts to the poor of the city. Instead of the usual Christmas tree there will be a manger in which the gifts will be deposited during the singing of a processional hymn.

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Ordinance No. 79

An Ordinance of the Board of Trustees of the City of Sierra Madre declaring its intention to improve a portion of Grandin avenue in said City of Sierra Madre.

The Board of Trustees of the City of Sierra Madre do ordain as follows:

Sec. 1. That the public interest and convenience require, and that it is the intention of the Board of Trustees of the City of Sierra Madre to order, the following work to be done, to-wit.

First. That said Grandin avenue from the intersection of Auburn avenue on the east to the intersection of Lima avenue on the west, including all intersections, (except such portions of said street and intersections as are required by law to be kept in order or repair by any person or company having railroad tracks thereon, and also excepting such portions as have already been graded to the official grade, oiled and accepted by said city), be graded in accordance with the plans and profiles for such work on file in the office of the City Engineer of said City, and be oiled from the west curb line of Auburn avenue on the east to the east curb line of Lima avenue on the west, all in accordance with such plans and profiles and with specifications for the grading and oiling of streets on file in the office of the City Clerk of said City, said specifications being numbered 10.

Second. That a cement curb be constructed along each side of said Grandin avenue between the westerly curb line of Auburn avenue on the east and the easterly curb line of Lima avenue on the west, (except along such portions of said street, between said intersections, where a cement or granite curb has been constructed to line and grade and accepted by said city), according to plans and profiles on file in the office of the City Engineer of said city, and city specifications for the construction of cement curbs on file in the office of the City Clerk of said city, said specifications being numbered 2.

Third. That cement culverts be constructed along and across said Grandin avenue where shown and of the size and dimensions shown, and in accordance with the plans and profiles for such work on file in the office of the City Engineer of said city, and city specifications for the construction of cement culverts on file in the office of the City Clerk of said city, said specifications being numbered 9.

Sec. 2. The Street Superintendent shall post notice of this work, as required by law, and shall cause said notice to be published once per week for two successive weeks in the "Sierra Madre News," a weekly newspaper published and circulated in said city of Sierra Madre, and hereby designated for that purpose.

Sec. 3. The City Clerk shall certify to the adoption of this ordinance, and shall cause the same to be published once per week for two successive weeks in the "Sierra Madre News," said newspaper hereby designated for that purpose, and shall post the same conspicuously for two days on or near the chamber door of the place of meeting of the Board of Trustees of said city, and thereupon and thereafter the same shall take effect and be in force.

The foregoing ordinance was adopted at a regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the City of Sierra Madre, held on the 10th day of December, 1908, by the affirmative vote of at least three trustees, to-wit:

Ayes: Messrs. Graham, Hosmer, Steinberger and Jones.

Noes: None.

Absent: Trustee Pegler.

And signed and approved this 10th day of December, A. D. 1908.

C. W. JONES,
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Brief Items of Interest

Mr. Ben Mulligan spent Saturday in Sierra Madre looking after business interests.

"Dr." H. G. Flint made a flying trip to Pasadena in his auto Wednesday evening.

The next meeting of the Monday Musical club will be held January 4, 1909, at the home of Miss Hazel Hill.

Miss Hilda Humphries is at home to spend the Christmas season with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Humphries.

Miss Winifred Graham came up from Long Beach to spend Sunday at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Graham.

Tom McCarey, manager of the Jeffries Athletic club of Los Angeles, has returned to Sierra Madre with his family and will spend the winter here.

Twelve members of the local Christian Endeavor society attended an Endeavor rally at Azusa Sunday, several other towns in the San Gabriel valley being represented.

Mr. and Mrs. F. D. R. Moote had as a guest on Friday evening of last week Rev. J. K. Inazawa, president of the Japanese Association of Los Angeles. Rev. Inazawa is at the head of the Presbyterian mission work among the Japanese.

Mr. A. H. Ferguson of Riverside county has been shaking hands with Sierra Madre friends this week. He says he and Mr. Day have found ranching in their part of the county uncomfortably cool at this season of the year.

Mr. and Mrs. L. Dietz entertained informally at cards Tuesday evening and a most pleasant time was enjoyed. The invited guests were Mr. and Mrs. Marcus W. Copps, Captain and Mrs. J. A. Osgood, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hall Perry.

During the holidays Miss Elizabeth Steinberger will entertain for a few days Misses Hodgkins and Dolfmeyer and Mr. Hopkins, her co-laborers in the Roosevelt school at Santa Monica. They will include a trip to Mt. Wilson in their outing.

Mrs. Burton Andrews was hostess to the bridge club Tuesday. The rooms were fragrant with the odor of violets, and violets and roses were used throughout the decorations. Luncheon was served at 1 o'clock. Mrs. Munger, daughter of Mrs. George H. Letteau, was the guest of the club.

One of the news items which escaped the editor's attention last week was the death of Dr. E. A. Mathie, which occurred Saturday, Dec. 5, at the house on Auburn avenue where the family had resided for some time. The family left for Chicago Sunday evening, taking the remains to the old home for interment.

Miss Annie Coffey entertained the Modern Priscillas yesterday afternoon at a "book party." Each guest was requested to represent in dress or otherwise the title of some well known book. Much merriment was caused by the subsequent guessing over the books represented. Refreshments helped to make the afternoon an enjoyable one.

Miss Rena Willoughby of Ventura spent Sunday as the guest of Miss Alma Gilbert.

Rev. A. B. Pritchard and wife of Los Angeles spent Saturday with Mr. and Mrs. F. D. R. Moote.

Miss Campbell, principal of our public schools, will spend her holiday vacation at her home in Tehama county.

Miss Sage and her mother, Mrs. Horning, of Los Angeles, were guests this week at the Steinberger and Fox homes.

Mrs. M. B. Brownson has returned to her home on Auburn and Carter avenues, after an absence of several months.

Mr. and Mrs. S. R. G. Twycross are expecting their son, Converse, to arrive on Monday from San Francisco and remain till after the holidays.

Mrs. E. A. Crawford who has spent some time at Hotel Sierra Madre has gone to spend the holidays with her husband who is a member of the San Francisco Examiner staff.

Mrs. Charles E. Bentham was called to San Diego the first of the week to confer with Bishop Johnson regarding the proposed school at San Diego, which it is hoped may be opened the coming autumn.

Mr. Charles J. Fox will serve as one of the course officials in the Los Angeles-Long Beach marathon race on New Year's day. He will act in the same capacity in which he served for the Thanksgiving day marathon, using his Maxwell runabout.

On Monday last Dr. J. M. Campbell and Mr. A. S. Mead attended a church council at Claremont for the purpose of ordaining Mr. George Irving as assistant to Dr. Kingman. Dr. Campbell delivered the charge to the people.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hall Perry entertained Captain and Mrs. Osgood and Mr. and Mrs. M. W. Copps with a typical "Saturday night New England Bean-fest" last week. Later other guests joined the party and "500" was played.

Mrs. Hamilton Mackerras was hostess to about twenty-five guests last Friday afternoon at her home, on Central avenue. The rooms were attractively decorated with pink and white roses and delicious refreshments were served. The afternoon was spent informally and a good time enjoyed by all present.

Splendid reports are heard concerning the work of the young ladies' orchestra which meets at the Ward home every Wednesday evening for rehearsal under the direction of Mrs. Philip Carter. About a score of instruments make up the orchestra and it is to be hoped that the organization may be heard in public before long.

Mr. and Mrs. Cabot Yerxa entertained the Sierra Carsino card club on Friday evening and the evening was delightfully spent. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Keys, Mr. and Mrs. Flint, Mr. and Mrs. Stilson, Mr. and Mrs. Ward, Mr. and Mrs. Nichols. Mr. and Mrs. Ward were winners of the first prizes for gentlemen and ladies, respectively.

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BY THE WAY

Perhaps you have experienced the pleasure of running a newspaper and building a house at the same time. If so, you can understand why the editor failed to gather as much news as usual last week.

Monrovia is casting about for means and methods for giving that city a municipal lighting system. As a business proposition, it would seem the Monrovia project would offer less attraction than the proposed municipal gas plant in Sierra Madre.

Did you ever see more weather changes in a day than we had on Wednesday? Sunshine, cloud and rain followed each other in quick succession during the forenoon. The cold wind felt as if it might be coming direct from the mountain snows.

Now that you have had about two full weeks for the job, what is your excuse for not having read the full text of the president's message?—the annual message, of course. Perhaps you are not to be blamed for being unable to keep up with the rest of them.

Everyone admits that municipal government should be divorced from party politics. In that respect things seem to be about as they should be in this city. Within the present year the city trustees, with a republican majority, have elected two democrats to official positions, J. A. Madden to the office of city clerk and recorder, and L. E. Steinberger to the vacancy caused by the resignation of Trustee Krafft. Evidently little attention was paid to party politics in these cases, at least.

Gaston burst like a whirlwind in upon his friend Alphonse. "Will you be my witness?" he cried. "Going to fight?" "No; going to get married." Alphonse after a pause inquired, "Can't you apologize?"

EVOLUTION OF THE STARS

Second Installment of Prof. Kapteyn's Notable Lecture.

(Continued From Last Week.)

I think that there are at least three ways, one of them I tried long ago. The result was that the absorption must be exceedingly small. The data available at that time proved to be insufficient for an accurate determination of its amount. Since that time I have taken a great deal of trouble in procuring better data. Next year I hope to utilize them in trying to get a reliable determination. Meanwhile I found another way, which, just during the time I have been staying in California has yielded a beginning of success.

You all know that near sunset the sun assumes a reddish color. The cause of this is that the light then traverses a far larger path through our atmosphere then at other times of the day. The particles of dust, and even probably the molecules of the air, absorb and scatter the sunlight. Now sunlight, as nearly all light is, is a mixture of light of all the colors in the rainbow. The absorption and scattering of light is far stronger for the violet and blue parts of the light than it is for the red and yellow parts. The result, therefore, must be that in light of the sun after its passage through the atmosphere, that is, at the moment it reaches us, the blue and violet parts having been strongly weakened, the red and yellow parts must predominate. Hence the reddish color of the sun. Hence, also, the bluish color of the sky, the light of which is simply the scattered sunlight.

The same must hold for starlight in traversing space, if it be true that space is filled with particles. Now this may be considered to be certainly the case. Everybody is familiar with what we call shooting stars. According to the estimate of perhaps the most competent of our shooting star observers the number visible with the naked eye on the whole of the earth during a single night must be some ten millions. We know with practical certainty that the mass of the vast majority of these bodies must be less than a single grain. Still, however, these small bodies are only the giants among their kind. For the number of fainter shooting stars nightly visible in our telescopes must be counted by hundreds of millions. That part of space, therefore, which is traversed by our earth, must be full, therefore, of what we may call meteoric dust. What we know about the orbits of these small bodies and of the motion of the whole of the solar system through space, proves that this must also be the case for still greater parts of space, in fact for parts of space incomparably greater than the whole of the solar system. It seems highly probable that it must be the case with the whole of the visible universe. If this is so, then space cannot be absolutely transparent. These particles must intercept some of the light of the stars. Not only that, but the loss of light suffered by the stars must be greater for the blue and violent ingredients of the light than for the other parts. Therefore, if we analyze the light of the stars in its components (you all know how the spectroscope enables us to do this.) Then we must find the stars weaker in the violet, the further away they are. For the greater the distance traversed the greater, of course, the absorption and scattering of light.

Now this is exactly what I found to be the case, at least for that class of stars which most nearly resembles the star Arcturus. Afterwards I found evidence of the same thing for other classes of stars. The study, however, of this phenomenon is not finished. All we can say is that the present investigation confirms the older one, in that the absorption and scattering must be very small. As far as can be judged at present the loss of light on its way through space during 100 years cannot well exceed 5 to F period, but it may be smaller.

Now within these still possible limits lies the amount which the absorption must have to account for the whole of the thinning out of the stars found in this lecture. There then is a certain probability that continued observation and computation will lead to the conclusion that, as far as our telescopes can penetrate into creation. We cannot find any sign of a limit to the system, or even a sign that we are approaching such a limit. From the oldest historical times up to the present, the universe, as conceived by man has been expanding. It has expanded millions of times even since the mediaeval age. It is expanding still. Physicists find this in the direction of the infinitely small. We here find the same in the direction of the infinitely great.

At the end of this lecture let me place once more before you the star-photograph which I showed at the beginning, and let us see what we read in it. The stars we see here do not lie in a plane as they seem to do, but some farther, some nearer at enormously different distances. If again we imagine that we travel in the direction of that part of the sky represented in the photograph with the velocity of light, then we know now, that in the beginning at least, if we do not take any notice of stars more than 100 times fainter than taken, we will meet with one star on an average every twelve or thirteen years. This will go on at the same rate till we are about 200 years on our way. After that time, if it be true that space is practically transparent, it will take us somewhat longer to go from one star to a succeeding one, and going on we will meet with fewer and fewer stars. The universe is thinning out. After 2000 years we will have come to parts where the crowding of the stars is only one part of what is was on the first part of our journey. It seems as if we were approaching the limit of our system. If, however, the transparency of the universe is appreciably imperfect, as there is every reason to believe then we will find the thinning out less rapid. Nay, it may well be that there is no thinning out at all. We may reasonably hope to see this question settled within the very near future. It may well be, therefore, that even after 2000 years' travel we do not find any more indication of a limit than we did at first.

The stars we met on our way proved to be in most cases to be fainter than our sun. Still stars of equal power with our sun are by no means rare, and stars a hundred, a thousand, even a hundred thousand times brighter than our sun are met with more rarely, it is true; but still from time to time among the stars on our photograph there must be a few at least not fainter than 10,000 times our sun. Howsoever this be the study of which what I told you is a rough outline, especially if, what seems not improbable, the amount of absorption proves to be what we find to be necessary to account for the whole of the thinning out, is far greater than imagined by Herschel.

REWARD!

A reward of $10 will be paid for information leading to the arrest and conviction of any person or persons guilty of removing or changing street signs in this city.

C. W. JONES,
President of Board of Trustees.

ANOTHER TREE DISCUSSION

Owners of property abutting on Grand View avenue are requested to meet at the city hall Saturday evening, Dec. 26, at 7 o'clock to discuss tree planting along the street.

(Signed) E. W. CAMP,
Committee.

As a result of the bazaar and social given by the Ladies' Aid society of the Congregational church last week the ladies enriched their treasury to the extent of about $100. Practically everything was sold and the various entertainment features were well patronized throughout the evening.

Read the ad of Hotel Sierra Madre on third page.

Perhaps You Can Solve That Holiday Problem

Santa Claus has authorized the News Printery to take orders for and supply a large variety of Christmas gifts. Some of them will just solve some of those problems which have been worrying you. Just consider these and see if there is not something in the list that would please some friend or relative you wish to remember.

CALLING CARDS

We print calling cards as nicely and as correctly as it can be done. We have some very handsome type faces for this class of work. This is the very season of the year when they are most acceptable. No lady wishes to be without them.

If you wish to spend a little more and get engraved cards let us show you samples—but come soon for the engravers are rushed with holiday trade and it is a case of first come first served. We get our engraving done by the only house in Los Angeles devoted exclusively to that class of work, and the prices are no more, often less, than you would pay in the city.

BUSINESS CARDS

Why not present father or husband or brother with an order on us for 500 or 1,000 business cards. Then he can have them made to his own taste, and you can be sure it will be done right.

EMBOSSING

An individual die with initial or monogram suitable for embossing stationery would be a choice present that would serve for years. We can get one made at reasonable cost. Embossed stationery is also in good taste.

STATIONERY

What is nicer than well chosen stationery? It is a joy to the user and to the recipient of letters writen upon it. We have some ideas that would please the most fastidious. Why not have some noteheads with the name of the ranch or villa printed on them? We can fix something that will not look like commercial stationery but will be suitable for any purpose. Father and mother will appreciate it and it would cost less than the same amount of poorer paper bought in tablet form.

AT THE NEWS PRINTERY

Central Market and Postoffice Store

If You Want a Choice Article in Meats and Groceries, Call Black 6

SUPERIOR NUTS, FRUITS AND CANDIES

Turkeys, Chickens and Ducks. Call early. We have a full line. Prices are the same as for Thanksgiving day. Our Christmas meats are the best you can get at the price any where. Call Black 6 for particulars or ask solicitors.

Feet Dry?

Now is the time to find out if your boy's feet are dry. If not, buy a pair of our oil tan shoes, prices from $2.50 to $3.50. Just the thing for wet weather. Nap-a-Tan shoes for men and boys cannot be excelled. Rubbers, boots and oiled clothing are necessary for winter weather also.

For Christmas any man would like a pair of nice house slippers. We also have pretty felt slippers for ladies.

We will observe our old custom of giving a Christmas present with every pair of shoes bought here in December.

M. OLSEN *the Shoe Man*

EXTRA TROUSERS

With each suit of clothes purchased of me before the first of the year I will give a

FREE PAIR OF TROUSERS

Can you beat this offer anywhere, quality considered?

AUGUST EKLUND, The Home Tailor

Established Twenty-five Years

Home Phone Black 11
Sunset Phone Pasadena Main 8556

Office Phone, Home Green 25

S. R. G. Twycross

Cor. Central and Baldwin Aves.

Real Estate and Insurance

Notary Public

Carriage to and from Electric Cars.

Public Bus Line - Express - Livery - Wood and Coal

Pittsburg Perfect Field Fence
Ellwood Lawn Fence
Union Lock Poultry Fence

THE

L. W. Blinn Lumber Co.

Phone Black 23

Ordinance No. 78

An Ordinance of the Board of Trustees of the City of Sierra Madre declaring its intention to improve a portion of Sunnyside Avenue in said City of Sierra Madre, and determining that bonds shall be issued to represent the cost thereof.

The Board of Trustees of the City of Sierra Madre do ordain as follows:

Sec. 1. That the public interest and convenience require, and that it is the intention of the Board of Trustees of the City of Sierra Madre to order, the following work to be done, to-wit:

First. That said Sunnyside Avenue from the intersection of Live Oak Avenue on the south to the south property line of Grand View avenue on the north, including all intersections, (except such portions of said street and intersections as are required by law to be kept in order or repair by any person or company having railroad tracks thereon, and also excepting such portions of said street and intersections as have already been graded to the official line and grade, oiled and accepted by said city,) be graded and oiled in accordance with the plans and profiles for such work on file in the office of the City Engineer of said city, and city specifications for the grading and oiling of streets on file in the office of the City Clerk of said city, said specifications being numbered 10.

Second. That a cement curb be constructed along both sides of said Sunnyside avenue from the north curb line of Live Oak avenue on the south to the south property line of Grand View avenue on the north, (except along such portions of said street between said intersections where a cement curb has been constructed to line and grade and accepted by said city,) in accordance with the plans and profiles for such work on file in the office of the City Engineer of said city, and specifications for the construction of cement curbs on file in the office of the City Clerk of said city, said specifications being numbered 2.

Third. That a cement gutter five (5) feet in width be constructed along the westerly side of said Sunnyside avenue from the north curb line of Live Oak avenue on the south to the south property line of Grand View avenue on the north, (except along such portions of said westerly side of said street where a cement gutter five (5) feet in width has been constructed to the official line and grade and accepted by said city,) in accordance with the plans and profiles for such work on file in the office of the City Engineer of said city, and city specifications for the construction of cement gutters on file in the office of the City Clerk of said city, said specifications being numbered 8.

Fourth. That a cement gutter two and one-half (2½) feet in width be constructed along the easterly side of Sunnyside avenue from the north curb line of Live Oak avenue on the south to the south property line of Grand View avenue on the north, (except along such portions of said easterly side of said street where a cement gutter two and one-half (2½) feet in width has been constructed to the official line and grade and accepted by said city), in accordance with the plans and profiles for such work on file in the office of the City Engineer of said city, and city specifications for the construction of cement gutters on file in the office of the City Clerk of said city, said specifications being numbered 8.

Fifth. That cement concrete culverts be constructed along and across said Sunnyside avenue, between said termini, where shown on the plans and profiles for such work, and in accordance with the number of the plan designated thereon, and in accordance with city specifications for the construction of cement concrete culverts on file in the office of the City Clerk of said city, said specifications being numbered 9.

Sixth. That cement swales be constructed along and across said Sunnyside avenue, between said termini,

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YOUR NEAREST

GARAGE

Auto users have found our service the most satisfactory in Pasadena. Call at our new location. Full line of auto supplies and other sporting goods.

A. L. RYDER

160 E. Colorado, - - Pasadena
Both Phones 202

MONROVIA STEAM LAUNDRY

Ladies' and gents' clothes cleaned and pressed.
Fine silks, laces and woolen goods a specialty.
All work guaranteed first class.
Phone 87 Monrovia for driver

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Painting--Varnishing--Tinting

SUFFOLK AVE., SIERRA MADRE

A. N. ADAMS

REAL ESTATE, RENTALS

INSURANCE

Cheapest High Grade Lots in Town

SIERRA MADRE HEIGHTS TRACT

Opp. P. E. Station. Phone Black 8

Established in Sierra Madre 1888

J. D. TUCKER

Professional and Practical
House Painter, Art Decorator, Etc.
Sierra Madre, Cal.
ALL KINDS OF SIGN PAINTING.

MRS. M. L. ROTH

GOWNS

Grand View Avenue, Near Auburn
Phone, Blue 30

Just received, thre carloads of hay. Lay in a supply before it advances. Sierra Madre Feed & Fuel Co.

See F. H. Jewell for plans and estimates on building.

WANTS

and Classified Advertising

☞All advertising under this heading and reading notices charged for at the rate of five cents per line for each insertion.

☞This column has proved of value to others. Profit by their experience.

FOR SALE

FOR SALE—75-gallon galvanized iron tank, suitable for gasoline or water. $3.75. A. S. Mead. tf

FOR SALE—Commercial size linen finish writing paper, 100 sheets for 30 cents. Envelopes to match, 2 bunches for 15 cents. News Printery.

FOR SALE—Singer sewing machine. F. C. Lehmer, Central avenue, 2nd house W. of Hermosa. tf

FOR SALE—Thoroughly reliable combination horse, with saddle; cheap. Address Philip Carter, Sierra Madre. 11

FOR SALE—A Buff Orpington cockerel, 8 mo. old, weighs 10 lbs. A beauty. Price $4. Phone Blue 10. 11*

FOR RENT

FOR RENT—Furnished 6-room cottage with sleeping porch and modern conveniences, barn and fruit trees. J. A. Ogood, Esperanza ave. Blue 17-

Sierra Madre postcards, 1c. each at Doucet's.

Notice to Creditors.

Estate of Ida A. Stadler, deceased. Notice is hereby given by the undersigned, Phillip Stadler, administrator of the estate of ida A. Stadler, deceased, to the creditors of, and all persons having claims against the said deceased, to exhibit the same with the necessary vouchers, within four months after the first publication of this notice to the said Phillip Stadler, administrator, at his residence, number 3926 Trinity avenue, city of Los Angeles, in the county of Los Angeles.

Dated this 4th day of December, A. D., 1908.

PHILLIP STADLER,
Administrator of the Estate of Ida A. Stadler, deceased.
JAMES A. MADDEN,
Attorney for the estate.

Why buy walnut shells for Christmas? In best nuts only one-third are meats. I sell fancy, whole meats at 30c a pound; medium whole 25c; broken mixed 20c. A. A. Rice, Blue 11.

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at such places and of such dimensions as are shown on the plans and profiles for such work on file in the office of the City Engineer of said city of Sierra Madre, and in accordance with city specifications No. 7 on file in the office of the City Clerk of said city.

Sec. 2. That the said Board of Trustees finds, upon estimates of the City Engineer of said city, that the cost of said proposed work or improvement will be greater than fifty cents per front foot along each line of said street so proposed to be improved, as hereinbefore set forth, including the cost of intersection work assessable upon said frontage; and said Board of Trustees determines that serial bonds shall be issued to represent the cost of said work or improvement; said serial bonds shall extend over a period ending nine years from and after the second day of January next succeeding the date of said bonds, and an even annual proportion of the principal sum thereof shall be payable, by coupon, on the second day of January every year after their date until the whole is paid; and the interest shall be payable semi-annually, by coupon, on the second days of January and July, respectively, of each year, at the rate of seven per cent. per annum on all sums unpaid, until the whole of said principal and interest are paid. Said bonds shall be issued in accordance with the provisions of an Act of the Legislature of the State of California, entitled "An Act to provide a system of street improvement bonds to represent certain assessments for the cost of street work and improvement within municipalities, and also for the payment of such bonds," approved February 27th, 1893, and of all acts supplementary thereto or emendatory thereof.

Sec. 3. The Street Superintendent shall post notices of this work, as required by law, and shall cause said notice to be published once per week for two successive weeks in the "Sierra Madre News," a weekly newspaper published and circulated in said city of Sierra Madre, and hereby designated for that purpose.

Sec. 4. The City Clerk shall certify to the adoption of this ordinance, and shall cause the same to be published once per week for two successive weeks in the "Sierra Madre News," said newspaper hereby designated for that purpose, and shall post the same conspicuously for two days on or near the chamber door of the place of meeting of the Board of Trustees of said city, and thereupon and thereafter the same shall take effect and be in force.

The foregoing ordinance was adopted at a regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the City of Sierra Madre, held on the 10th day of December, 1908, by the affirmative vote of at least three trustees, to-wit:

Ayes: Messrs. Graham, Hosmer, Steinberger and Jones.
Noes: None.
Absent: Trustee Pegler.

And signed and approved this 10th day of December, A. D. 1908.

C. W. JONES,
President of the Board of Trustees.
Attest: J. A. MADDEN,
[Seal] City Clerk.

Magazines and novels at Doucet's.

Home Phone Green 3. P. O. Box 8

HOW ABOUT THAT ELECTRIC CHRISTMAS TREE OUTFIT?

Fine illumination and no danger from fire.

CHAS. A. MORRISON

THE HOME ELECTRICIAN
HIGHLAND AVE. SIERRA MADRE

SIERRA MADRE FEED AND FUEL CO.

J. C. WHYTE, Mgr

Hay, Grain, Feed and Poultry Supplies

FUEL OF ALL KINDS

Prompt Delivery

PHONES, Home, Black 50; Sunset, Main 8611

Office and Warehouse, Public Scales, Lima Street, Near Central.

Exclusively Fuel and Feed Dealers

Choice Property
IN
Beautiful Sierra Madre

The Ideal Summer and Winter Resort
Elevation 1,000 to 1,700 Feet

The terminus of the most beautiful division of the Pacific Electric Railway.
Situated most beautifully on the Foothills of the Sierra Madre Mountains.

INSURANCE - - NOTARY

Sierra Madre Realty Co.

See us about it. Phone Black 22. Sierra Madre, Cal.

WIL PUSH GAS CAMPAIGN

Board of Trade Committees Appointed to Work for Municipal Gas

At Monday evening's meeting of the Board of Trade the principal action was the appointment of two committees to boost the municipal gas project in the special bond election. Messrs. Hosmer and Bridle were appointed to solicit the signatures of those who will use gas if the plant is installed. Messrs. Kersting and A. S. Mead were given charge of the publicity part of the campaign.

The advertising committee was authorized to raise money for the printing of 5,000 leaflets giivng in condensed form essential facts regarding the advantages of Sierra Madre.

A Communication

To the Editor:

I presume the columns of your paper are open for suggestions from visitors which may increase the popularity of this famous health resort. May I, as a visitor, suggest that public seats be placed at intervals along the principal roads where weary pedestrians can sit and rest. There are invalids and convalescents who are glad to get out for exercise but have not enough strength to walk far without resting. They may look in vain for a stone or step where they sit down. A few substantial seats placed at intervals along such streets as Baldwin, Central, etc., would be a great boon to them and reflect much glory on the wisdom of the city fathers who had them introduced.

Yours truly,
A WEARY WALKER.

Mrs. Mary H. Jordan and daughter of Long Beach have been spending the week at their cottage on La Belle avenue.

Mrs. E. M. Brooks
DRESSMAKING
Best of References
Ramona Ave., Sierra Madre

Have You Ever Taken the Great Trip Up Mt. Lowe?

It is the Most Marvelous Mountain Railway Journey in the World

RATE FROM PASADENA $2.25

Five Cars Daily

THE
PACIFIC ELECTRIC RAILWAY

Messrs. W. H. Kindig of Hotel Sierra Madre and A. S. Mead have recently had printed a supply of 4-page folders descriptive of the charms of Sierra Madre as a resort and place of residence. Both are intended for circulation outside of this city and will doubtless do much good in advertising the city in general as well as the business of these gentlemen in particular. Of course the work was done at the News Printery and it is not exactly like throwing bouquets at one's self to say that both leaflets have elicited many expressions of approval from people who have seen them.

The Sierra Madre team will cross bats with the Union avenue team from Los Angeles Sunday and are looking forward to a hot game.

IT'S ALMOST HERE!

But You Still Have Time to Take Advantage of Some of These Bargains by Way of a Christmas Gift to Yourself or Family

South front, 5-room cottage, hardwood floors, 2 open fire places, 50x190 foot lot with fine fruit. Street work all done. This is a good buy at $3,000 but can be had on terms at the special price of....$2,600

Five-room cottage, new, beamed ceilings, hardwood floors, large stone fireplace, screen bedroom, cement walks, shade, and flowers, $1,000 down, balance at $25 per month and interest. Price.....$2,500

New and strictly modern 5-room house on east front lot 50x209 feet, close in. Leased for 6 months. Easy terms at..$2,500

New, modern 6-room house, south front, large lot with shade; street work all done. Fine grate in house. Very easy terms $2,900

Very handsome, 6-room house, new and close in; east front lot 100x200 feet....$4,700

5-room house, one block from car line, lot 109x150. Lots of fruit, flowers and shade. With furniture, only $3,600

Completely furnished, new 5-room house, one block from business center on best street in he city. Price $2,500

Baldwin avenue lots, close in, street work done, no finer shade treees in town, good fruit. Only .....$ 650

South front lots 50x150, close to car, cement walks, curbing; fruit trees .....$ 350

East front corner, high restrictions, lot 72x150, fine residence all around. Curbing and sidewalk in. Price $1,000

SEND A FOLDER DESCRIPTIVE OF SIERRA MADRE TO YOUR FRIENDS. WE WILL SUPPLY YOU WITH ALL YOU WANT.

JUST A REMINDER

Last week we offered some suggestions for Christmas gifts. Let us repeat them lest they slip your mind. Nothing could be more appropriate for your wife or family. Think them over, then act quickly.

SUGGESTION NO. 1

What could make a better Christmas gift than a good Sierra Madre lot? You can get them for $350 and up, on very easy terms. Some of them have street work done, taxes all paid and absolutely no expense in sight for a twelve-month.

WE HAVE SEVERAL LOTS LISTED NOW THAT WE CAN SELL YOU AT 25 PER CENT BELOW VALUE. SEE THE CHANCE TO BETTER THAT SEVEN PER CENT INCOME?

SUGGESTION NO. 2

Maybe you have not the amount of money required to buy a lot just at present, but still feel that something should be invested for future contingencies. Why not buy a share of preferred stock of the Golden State Portland Cement Co., at $100. With this you get one-half share of the common stock as a bonus. On the preferred stock there is a semi-annual dividend of 3½ per cent—just as good as a loan. In two or three years the preferred stock will be cancelled at par and the common stock will draw all the dividends. Let us explain this more in detail.

SUGGESTION NO. 3

But perhaps you have not the money handy for either of these propositions. Then what is the matter with a $1,000 life insurance policy? Remember that we represent one of the most conservative insurance companies in the world, in fact one of the very best.

A. S. MEAD

Real Estate - Rentals - Insurance - Notary

First National Bank Building, Opposite P. E. Station

Phones: Home, Black 42 and Black 69 - Sunset, Pasadena Main 9623

This Store is the Official

CHRISTMAS SHOP

CANDIES

Buy your Christmas candies where you get the best quality and largest quantity for your money. We have some "Christmas Mixed" at

THREE POUNDS FOR 25c

that can't be beat. Try it.

Choice Cranberries are up to $4 a bbl. now, but we still give you 2 qts. for 25c.

Several kinds of choice apples on hand. We sell them by the pound or by the box.

We have a good supply of all kinds of nuts. Our

WALNUTS AT 3 LBS. FOR 25c

are better than those for which you paid 15 cts. a lb. elsewhere.

For the dining table and for cooking we have choice raisins, packed in layers; also figs, dates, etc., in neat packages.

DON'T FORGET THAT OUR GUARANTEED FRESH EGGS ARE THE BEST ON THE MARKET.

Candied citron, lemon, etc., will come in handy next week.

SPORTING GOODS

Our supply of sporting goods has arrived. We have base balls from 5c up to $1.25 for the best league ball; bats from 10c to $1; footballs, tennis balls, rackets and air guns. Tennis shoes or elkskin shoes will also please the boys.

MAKE YOUR FEET GLAD

Our line of Selz shoes is very complete now. Better buy yourself or some of the rest of the family a pair for Christmas.

HANDKERCHIEFS

Just look at our handkerchief display. We have them from 5c to $1.25.

MEN'S FURNISHINGS

What is the use of going to the city for men's toggery. We have as fine a line of shirts, ties, underwear, suspenders, handkerchiefs, socks, and shoes as any man needs. Come in and see for yourself.

FOR THE TREE

Don't forget that this is the place to order your Christmas tree. We can supply you with the size you want. And we have an elegant line of ornaments of all kinds, as well as candles of all sizes.

O. K. CASH DEPARTMENT STORE

COAL! COAL! COAL!

WOOD AND KINDLING

AGENT FOR THE

Celebrated Black Diamond Coal

HAY, GRAIN AND FEED OF ALL KINDS

POULTRY SUPPLIES. FEED STABLE

ANDREW OLSEN

SUFFOLK AVENUE PHONE, BLACK 24

Call us up if you wish Prompt Delivery

HOTEL SHIRLEY

solicits high class tourist and local patronage. First class accommodations at reasonable rates.

Under New Management

¶ Special attention will be given to patrons desiring meals by the week. ¶ Give us a trial. We are here o stay and will please you if courteous service and pleasant accommodations can do it.

E. B. VanZANDT, Prop.

Doctor—"The increasing deafness of your wife is merely an indication of advancing years, and you can tell her that."

Husband—"Hum! Would you mind telling her that yourself, doctor?"

Sierra Madre has the judges
And the dames may find the fudges
Tasting of refined contents,
"Prize Fudge" is the name it lends.
—At Doucet's.

WITH THE TATTLER

(The editorial column is reserved for the personal opinions of the editor. This column is devoted to the opinions, expressions and doings of others, as heard here and there about town.)

Several citizens, among them Messrs. F. R. Yerxa and N. H. Hosmer, have been talking of the desirability of a social club of some sort which would make provision for the whiling away of tedious hours for local residents and visitors who find time hanging heavy on their hands. The idea is to secure the use of a suitable lot, centrally located, and erect thereon an inexpensive building. Games of various sorts could be provided, gambling of course being prohibited. Membership in the club could be regulated in any way thought desirable and the expense would be nominal. If any others are interested in such a project their ideas would probably be received with pleasure.

In these days of advanced mental sciences one need not wonder at any seeming phenomena, but that the strength and force of imagination can upset tradition and decorum at one fell swoop through the medium of an absolutely innocent "punch" is at least noteworthy.

A certain hostess of our city brew a ruby concoction which she solemnly avers contains naught but the juice of three native fruits, and yet, upon a recent occasion, after several cups of the afore mentioned punch, various highly respected and delightful members of our community are reported to have performed certain weird rites which even the closeness of the hour to Sunday would scarcely be considered, as religious ceremonies. A saucily-tilted wafer adorned the noble bald brow of one illustrious citizen; two versatile club women were detected in the act of wearing each other's bonnet home. Another male guest marched solemnly homeward, wrapped in a Navajo blanket, while another, none less dignified, who had guessed as a possible ingredient of the brew every article of commerce from rose petals to petroleum, was heard practicing his next Spanish lesson. And all—because the hostess declined to name the three fruits!

The Congregational Sunday school is trying to raise money to meet the year's deficit by the sale of neat Christmas stamps. They are printed on gummed paper, suitable for use on packages and Christmas letters. They are sold at one cent each. The wording is: "Christmas Greetings from Sierra Madre, Cal., 1908."

Agent Doucet reports a gratifying increase in the express business this week, due largely of course to the holiday season. For the first four days of the week the "in" business amounted to about $100 and the "out" business was about $50.

Mrs. Fitzackerly, who owns a large tract of land in the northwestern part of town, is having erected a handsome three thousand dollar residence on Orange avenue.

Read the ad of Hotel Sierra Madre on third page.

New Year's Party.

The Woman's Club will give a New Year's party on Thursday evening, Dec. 31st, in the Town hall for the benefit of the building fund. Musicians have been engaged from Los Angeles and will furnish music throughout the evening. Dancing and progressive games of cards will be in order and a pleasant time is assured the guests. A large number of Sierra Madre and Los Angeles people have signified their intention of being present.